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Editor, Press-Herald

Those of you who complain that we are losing more and more of our freedoms at Sacramento or Washington, D.C. better wake up fast. We are losing our freedoms right at our city level.

A handful of people from this, the third largest city in Los Angeles County was at the City Council Meeting, Sept. 6 when David K. Lyman presented a resolution to the City Council after a 57-item agenda had been acted upon. This resolution to be placed on the ballot for the people to decide if they wish to vote for the Mayor of Torrance or if the City Council members should pick one of themselves to be Mayor.

Those four consistently weak councilmen voted for this without so much as reading this three-page resolution. Mr. Lyman explained it was very simple.

If it is so simple why did he need three pages to explain it?

Four years ago you were kind enough to print my letter in which I tried to tell the people of Torrance we had four men on that City Council with "horse and buggy" minds trying to make decisions for one of the most sophisticated progressive cities in the United States. We still have three of those men plus Mr. Lyman who is in the same category, thus we still have our four "horse and buggy" minds.

For every step forward we fight for, these four men attempt to put us back three steps.

Of course, the people of Torrance want to vote for their Mayor. Four men decided to throw our money away for such an election. We have this voting freedom, and it's an insult to our intelligence to think we would vote to give it to a very weak four-man control of the City Council. I certainly don't want Mr. Beasley, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Sciarrotta and Mr. Vico deciding which one of themselves will be the Mayor of Torrance. They have neither the guts or the intelligence to be a strong, honest Mayor.

Evidently what you, the people, don't realize is at

your own home city is where you start to sift out our future state and federal elected officials. Thank God there were enough people who made it impossible for Mr. Lyman to go to the Senate with his little spoiled-boy tantrums.

The City Council meetings are open to the public—maybe Mr. Lyman will decide to change this. I beg you, the people, to please attend these meetings—see YOUR elected officials in action. Even if the meeting seems dull, you'll get a wonderful lesson in human nature.

(Mrs.)VELMA SHELBOURN

Moon Ship Leaves on Last Trip

Final presentations of the astronomical show "A Trip to the Moon" are scheduled this week at Griffith Park Observatory's planetarium theater, the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department reported yesterday.

Shows will be offered daily through Sunday at 3, 8 and 9:15 p.m. with extra matinees on the weekend at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Clarence H. Clemenshaw, Observatory director, said that during "A Trip to the Moon" audiences learn many of the myths and facts collected by man concerning the earth's satellite, and are taken on a simulated journey through outer space to the lunar surface.

HE REPORTED that next Tuesday a new show, "Sky Spectaculars," opens for a six-week run at Observatory theater.

The coming presentation will feature explanations and illustrations of some of the spectacular sights seen in the sky. These include a great comet, a total eclipse of the sun, the aurora borealis (northern lights), halos and rainbows.

THE HEAVENLY phenomena will be reproduced on the planetarium theater's 75-foot domed ceiling.

With the new show, the Observatory resumes its regular winter schedule and will be open daily except Mondays. Planetarium theater productions are slated at 3 and 8:30 p.m. with extra shows on weekends at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

The Observatory's Hall of Science will be open Tuesdays through Fridays from 2 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 10 p.m.

Peck Park Holds Pet Exhibition

Peck Park recently held its fifth annual Junior Pet Show with more than 300 in attendance. The show included hamsters dressed in cowboy costumes, dogs pulling covered wagons, pigeons as Indians, kittens in jeans, cowboy shirts and complete with hats.

Trophies were awarded to first place winners in each of the categories. Some of the first place winners were: Linda and Joseph Rodrigue with their dog, Musket, pulling a covered wagon; Carla Albano with her rabbit, Bumbun; Jill Goldsworthy with Sparkler, her hamster, and George Lewis with his tumbler pigeon, Blaze.

Trophies and refreshments were donated by the San Pedro Junior Chamber of Commerce. The pet show was under the direction of Marty Lehr and under the supervision of the Los Angeles Park and Recreation Department.

Battery Removed From Parked Car

Theft of the battery from his car was reported Friday evening by James Lee Whitmer, 30, of 5326 Halston St. Whitmer told Torrance police he had parked the car at the Del Amo Center about 5:45 p.m. and discovered the battery missing when he returned about 9:45 p.m.

... Airport

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Other displays will feature the Federal Aviation Agency's Convair equipped with radio and electronic equipment used to monitor the accuracy of airway facilities, a Mercury capsule, and Bomarc and Nike Hercules missiles.

Static displays will be provided by the U.S. Weather Bureau and TRW Systems, Inc., of Redondo Beach. The KTLA news helicopter also will visit the airport.

A BANQUET open to the public will be held Saturday evening at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 8. Reservations, at \$3.85 per person, are available from fixed-base operators at the airport or at the office of Airport Manager Jack Egan.

Movies, featuring the "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" theme will be shown throughout both days. There will be no charge for the movies.

Highlight of the two-day event is a "Solo by Sundown" contest being sponsored by Avion Air, a flight school. A girl who has never flown before will be taught to fly and must solo in one day. The public will be invited to guess the time when she will make the solo flight, with the winner getting a new television set.

MEMBERS of the Civil Air Patrol South Bay Group 17, Air Explorer Squadron 377-A of Torrance, the South High Aviation Club, and the TRW Space Science Explorer Post 348-X will be on hand to direct guests and maintain security at the airport.

Hours are 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. There are no admission fees.

... Suit

(Continued from Page A-1) and an eligible candidate elected.

ASKING the court to assume jurisdiction, the suit seeks to have Hite instructed to omit Dills' name from the November ballot and Jordan directed to remove Dills from the list of names certified as nominated by the secretary of state.

The action further asks that Dills be required "to publicly announce his disqualification, to refrain from campaigning for the office of State Senator, 32nd District, or from soliciting others to do so, or to show cause before this court at a specified time and place why they have not done so."

Burglars Hit Station for Second Time

Burglars hit a service station for the second time in less than a week early Friday. Torrance police have been told.



STARY GANGE Opens School Year

Assembly To Begin New Year

Torrance High students will hear Stary Gange, one of the country's best known humorous speakers, at an assembly program next Wednesday.

The program, scheduled at 9:30 a.m., will open the new year for Torrance High.

"Swing High or Swing Low" is the title of Gange's program, which will present a humorous and optimistic challenge to students about America's future.

Gange, who appears at the school through the courtesy of the Southern California Gas Co., has addressed audiences in all 50 states.

GOP Chairman Blasts Cranston, Coate for Stand on 'Extremism'

Charles Soderstrom, San Pedro Ford dealer and chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County, has leveled blasts at two top-ranking Democrats.

State Controller Alan Cranston and Robert L. Coate, State Democratic chairman, came under fire.

"Coate and Cranston have apparently been chosen by Governor Brown to head the Scurrilous Crony Committee running his campaign for governor," Soderstrom said.

"The other day, Cranston led off with an alleged report on right-wing extremism. This seems an odd and dangerous set of allegations from a man who was the founder and first president of the California Democratic Council, an organization which Brown has been tippy-toeing around

for months. The CDC has espoused a number of highly questionable causes, among them the admission of Red China to the United Nations, the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities.

"MANY MODERATE Democrats have detached themselves from the CDC and have not sought their endorsement. At their convention in Bakersfield in February, the name of President Johnson was booed and a resolution was passed asking for the University of California Regents to intervene to seek dismissal of criminal charges against the demonstrators arrested in the campus rioting.

"In the light of this hooligan history, it does seem odd that Cranston can find so few

examples of left-wing extremism to include in his report. Cranston has been what amounts to the Democrats' all-purpose hatchman for years. If he has any honest concern for the inroads made by extremism, it seems odd that his hatchet only cuts one way," Soderstrom said.

"More recently, it was Coate's turn. He recited almost the same near libelous litany. The voters will not be fooled by the Scurrilous Crony Committee and their desperate effort to prop Pat Brown up with a lot of phony issues," he said.

"THE VOTERS would like some action taken on the mess on the Berkeley campus, the soaring crime rate, and the high cost of living, among other serious problems. These are the real and serious sicknesses of California."

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